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FOR AMBASSADOR VANDEN HEUVEL FROM DAS DALLEY

1. AUGUST 4 MEETING OF MEMBERS OF WESTERN GROUP TO DISCUSS THEIR ROLE DURING THE WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION REVEALS DISTURBING INDICATION THAT THE WESTERN GROUP IS UNPREPARED TO WAGE THE SERIOUS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE REAFFIRMATION OF THE ZIONISM IS RACISM LINKAGE TO THE DECADE THAT WILL BE REQUIRED WHEN THIS ISSUE IS INTRODUCED IN THE WORLD CONFERENCE AS ADVOCATED IN THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE BELGRADE NAM MEETING CALLING UPON THE WORLD CONFERENCE
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TO REAFFIRM THAT ZIONISM IS A FORM OF RACISM. REPORT OF MEETING INDICATES RELUCTANCE ON PART OF WESTERN GROUP PARTICIPANTS TO TAKE LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE CONFERENCE AND UNCERTAINTY AND DIVISION CONCERNING THE APPROPRIATE WESTERN STRATEGY IN RESPONSE TO THE RAISING OF THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE.

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2. IF POSSIBLE BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE YOU SHOULD COMMUNICATE U.S. CONCERN TO WESTERN COLLEAGUES THAT STRONG WESTERN POSITION WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO EFFORTS TO PREVENT REAFFIRMATION OF ZIONISM-RACISM LINKAGE TO THE DECADE AT THE WORLD CONFERENCE. ALTHOUGH IN CONFORMITY WITH OUR LONG-STANDING POSITION THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THIS CONFERENCE, WE HAVE A STRONG INTEREST IN ITS SUCCESS IN AVOIDING THE REEMERGENCE OF THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE. IF THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE REEMERGES AT THE CONFERENCE IT INESCAPABLY WILL BE A POINT OF CONTENTION AT THE 33RD UNGA, WHICH IS TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE, WITH A DAMAGING EFFECT UPON PUBLIC SUPPORT IN THE U.S. FOR THE UNITED NATIONS. WE THEREFORE WISH TO DO ALL THAT WE CAN AS A NON-PARTICIPANT IN THE CONFERENCE TO ACHIEVE THE AVOIDANCE OF ANY REAFFIRMATION OF RESOLUTION 3379 OR ANY OTHER FORMULATION EQUATING ZIONISM WITH RACISM IN ANY DOCUMENTS WHICH THE CONFERENCE MAY PRODUCE AND HOPE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH OUR WESTERN COLLEAGUES AND OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL.

3. IF WESTERN NATIONS PLAN TO ATTEND CONFERENCE, AS WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED WAS THEIR INTENTION, THEY SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO VIE FOR THE IMPORTANT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS THAT CAN INFLUENCE CONFERENCE RESULT. IT IS DISTURBING TO SEE RELUCTANCE IN GROUP TO SEEK CHAIR OF COMMITTEE B
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WHICH WILL DRAFT THE PROGRAM OF ACTION AND THE SEEMING ACQUIESCENCE TO CUBAN CHAIRMANSHIP OF COMMITTEE THAT WILL DRAFT THE CONFERENCE DECLARATION. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH ME C.V. NARASHIMAN, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE, HAS REPEATEDLY STRESSED HIS COMMITMENT TO AVOID REAFFIRMATION OF ZIONISM-RACISM LINKAGE IF POSSIBLE. STRONG WESTERN PARTICIPATION WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO THE COUNTERING OF PREDICTED STRONG EFFORTS BY ARABS AND OTHERS TO RAISE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE.

4. WITH REGARD TO WESTERN STRATEGY IN THE ALMOST CERTAIN EVENT OF RAISING OF ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE, YOU SHOULD ADVOCATE STRONGEST POSSIBLE WESTERN POSITION TO COUNTER THE SHIFT IN STRATEGY TOWARD GREATER RACISM LINKAGE FORECAST BY THE BELGRADE COMMUNIQUE. WEST SHOULD PLACE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS ON NOTICE THAT SUCH REAFFIRMATION COULD CAUSE WESTERN WALK-OUT. IF WEST HEDGES ON THIS STRATEGY PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE, AS WAS INDICATED AT THE AUGUST 4 MEETING, THEN POSITION IS WEAKENED AND SECRETARIAT AND POTENTIAL MODERATE ALLIES WILL NOT BE INDUCED TO RESIST THE ZIONISM-RACISM REAFFIRMATION.

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5. DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING VARIOUS MEANS OF INFLUENCING SUCCESSFUL RESULT AT WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND WILL WELCOME YOUR SUGGESTIONS DURING YOUR UPCOMING CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON. CHRISTOPHER

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